

Welcome to the Legislative Update for July 11, 2014

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's older citizens and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. Between sessions, we strive to offer issues monthly. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

This issue is brief due to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging July 10-11, 2014 meetings.

Primary Election August 26th

Arizona's primary election is August 26th and the last day to register to vote is July 28, 2014. Voter and other election information can be found on the website for the Office of the Secretary of State.

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/VoterInformation.htm>

A full listing of primary election candidates:

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/2014/primary/FullListing.htm>

Online voter registration: <https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/selectLanguage>

General Election November 4th

Arizona's general election is November 4th and the last day to register is October 6th.

Share your thoughts at any time! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can voice your opinions by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix, 520-628-6580 in Tucson and in-state toll free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or by **contacting your legislator from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** and looking for: **How do I find My Legislators** or by opening the links provided.
- [Members of the House](#)
- [Members of the Senate](#)

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

Plan ahead now for the next session!

Learn more about the legislative process. See [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Learn about the budget process at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Review the Arizona Constitution at: <http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

ALSO: See the National Council on Aging/NCOA information on *advocacy vs. lobbying* later in this issue!

Tracking List

If you're interested, the following list contains highlighted bills tracked by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) during the last session.

SHORT LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25362&listid=50230&print=true>

Note: You can access the FULL LIST of all bills tracked by the Council during the last session by opening one of the past issues of the **Legislative Update** posted on this [webpage](#).

The web report information found in any of our tracking list is a purchased service provided by Arizona Capitol Times. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on any tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Advisory Council on Aging to the bill. It **does** mean that the topic is something that may be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

In case you missed it last time

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

Fiscal Impact of Legislatively-Referred 2014 Ballot Measures is posted [here](#).

FY 2015 Appropriations Report – June 2014 that includes links to individual agencies is provided [here](#).

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights June 2014 is linked [here](#) and reports "Year-to-date base revenues are 2.1% higher than FY 2013, and total General Fund collections through May are \$(55.4) million below forecast."

Tracking Arizona's Recovery June 2014 is posted [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

H.R.4543

PACE Pilot Act of 2014

Introduced on 5/1/2014 by Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-4)

Amends title XI (General Provisions, Peer Review, and Administrative Simplification) of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to waive applicable general and Medicaid requirements of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE) in order to conduct demonstration projects through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations (CMMI) that involve PACE. Prohibits the Secretary, however, as part of a CMMI demonstration, from waiving: (1) the requirement to offer items and services under Medicare without limitations, and (2) certain requirements regarding enrollment in and disenrollment from PACE programs.

Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary should use waiver authority under this Act to provide, in a budget neutral manner, PACE programs with increased operational flexibility to support their ability to improve and innovate and to reduce technical and administrative barriers that have hindered enrollment.

On 5/2/2014, referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.4634

To amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to allow Federal Law enforcement officers and firefighters to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50

Introduced on 5/9/2014 by Representative David G. Reichert (WA-8)

Text of the legislation is found [here](#).

5/9/2014 referred to House Ways and Means

H.R. 4765

Fit for Life Act of 2014

Introduced on 5/29/14 by Representative Marcia L. Fudge (OH-11)

Text is provided [here](#).

7/7/2014, referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition.

H.R.4885

Social Impact Bond Act

Introduced on 6/18/2014

Amends title XX (Block Grants to States for Social Services and Elder Justice) of the

Social Security Act to add a new part C (Social Impact Bonds).

Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to seek proposals from states or local governments for social impact bond projects which produce measurable, clearly defined outcomes that result in social benefit, such as employment for the unemployed, high school graduation, and reduction of teen and unplanned pregnancies as well as incidences of child abuse and neglect.

Requires the Secretary, within six months after receiving an application, to determine whether to enter into a contract for a social impact bond project with a state or local government. Requires independent evaluation of a state or local government social impact bond project. Establishes the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Bonds. Amends the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 to require the appropriate federal financial supervisory agency to consider, in assessing and taking into account the record of a financial institution in meeting the credit needs of its entire community, its investments in social impact bond projects.

On 6/18/2014, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.4892

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2014

Introduced on 6/18/2014 by Representative James R. Langevin (RI-2)

To expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

6/27/2014 referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Updates on previously featured legislation

H.R.803

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

7/9/2014 passed House; ready for the President

6/26/2014 message on Senate actions sent to the House

Text version of the Enrolled Bill 7/11/2014 provided [here](#).

Note: NASUAD overview of this bill provided later in this issue.

H.R.3955

To direct the Secretary of Labor to establish a pilot program through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide older individuals with training in computer literacy, advance computer...

6/13/2014 referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.3999

Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act of 2014

6/13/2014 referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

H.R.4445

Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2014

6/13/2014 referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Related legislation: [S2251](#)

If you want to check on the status of any federal legislation, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

Check for **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

From the **U.S. Census** comprehensive report on the U.S. population of people aged 65 and older is provided [here](#).

[Changes in Areas With Concentrated Poverty: 2000 to 2010](#)

[American Community Survey Reports](#)

From **Kaiser Health News**

[A Reader Asks: Does Selling Your House Affect Eligibility For Assisted Living?](#)

[CMS May Soften Paperwork Requirements For Home Health Care](#)

From the **National Council on Aging/NCOA**

The difference between advocacy and lobbying is featured [here](#).

2014 fall prevention photo contest is linked [here](#).

From the **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)**

n4a, National Council on Aging, United Healthcare and USA Today will release the **2014 United States of Aging Survey** on July 15th at a town hall event streamed live on USATODAY.com at 4 pm CT.

National Alzheimer's Project Act

Updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. (Be sure to scroll down the page.)

From **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday Updates July 11, 2014

Congress Approves Deal to Modernize, Reauthorize Federal Workforce Programs

Last month, the Senate voted to reauthorize and update the long-expired Workforce Investment Act (WIA, P.L. 105-220) by an incredible margin, 95-3. Yesterday, the House overwhelmingly adopted the Senate-passed bill by a vote of 415-6. The renamed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) represents a compromise between the SKILLS Act (H.R. 803), which passed the House of Representatives in March 2013, and the Workforce Investment Act of 2013 (S. 1356), which passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee last July. Leaders from the House and Senate unveiled the much-anticipated bipartisan, bicameral agreement in May, and President Obama is expected to sign the legislation in the

coming days.

WIOA eliminates 15 current workforce programs; sets authorized funding levels for WIA formula grant programs, maintains the 15 percent set-aside for governors to address state-determined workforce needs, and includes several other provisions that guide state workforce boards and programs. In addition, WIOA includes the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), and makes amendments to its programs that include transferring Independent Living Programs to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and adding transition as a fifth core service.

[Click here](#) to view the full bill text.

[Click here](#) to view the one-page summary.

[Click here](#) to view the Manager's Statement, which includes a section-by-section summary.

[Click here](#) to view a summary of key improvements WIOA makes to current workforce development programs.

Elder Justice Roadmap Released

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) recently released the Elder Justice Roadmap. HHS and DOJ sponsored an effort to gather input from public and private entities, experts from across the United States, and many people who address elder abuse and have a role to play in detecting and preventing it. The Elder Justice Roadmap is the culmination of this effort and provides a detailed, practical guide for teams, communities, states and national entities to engage in strategic planning. The Roadmap highlights five priorities and provides actionable items under each category.

[Click here](#) to view the Elder Justice Roadmap.

From **The Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College**

AGEnda Aging & Work Blog

[Encore Entrepreneurs to the Rescue](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Upcoming Election 101

WHEN: July 22, 2014 from 2 to 4 pm, Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ

More information provided at: <http://www.azpha.wildapricot.org/event-1712091>

WHAT: 2014 Arizona Geriatric Society Annual Summer Interprofessional Geriatrics Conference Palliative Care: State of the Art & Art of the State

WHEN: Friday, August 8, 2014, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff, Arizona

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Arizona Health Care Association 2014 Annual Conference & Trade Show

WHEN: August 19 – 21, 2014, Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

More information is available [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: National Indian Council on Aging: "Arizona: Back to WHEN: Where it all Started - Celebrating the 20th NICOA Biennial Conference on Aging"

Co-hosted by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona with the Area Agency on Aging, Region 8.

WHEN: September 3-6, 2014 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

More information: <http://nicoa.org/conferences/2014-national-indian-council-on-aging-conference/>

WHAT: Aging – If It's Not your Issue...It Will Be Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG Area Agency on Aging Region III

WHEN: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8:00 am to 5 pm, High Country Conference Center, 201 W Butler, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

More information provided [here](#).

WHAT: The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness' 21st Annual Conference

WHEN: October 21-22, 2014, Black Canyon Conference Center, Phoenix, AZ

More information [here](#)

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include resources and events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Thank you! Make the most of your summer!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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